

Homecoming Highlights



At the sound of "Go," participants took off on the 5K Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday in front of the Jasper County Youth Center. Joe King (above left) took first place. (Photo courtesy of Stembel)



Sarah Lipniskis and her sister, Renee, helped guide the participants through the campus course. (Photo courtesy of Stembel)



Breakfast was available for runners and walkers following the race, courtesy of McDonald's. (Photo courtesy of Stembel)



A variety of activities were provided for alumni, students and friends of the College, such as a baseball game at Gil Hodges Memorial Field, a Columbian Players' Open House and Theatre Tour and Hollywood Nights Reunion Dinner and Casino. Homecoming allowed alumni to reconnect with faculty, staff and friends. (Photos courtesy of Rev. Tim McFarland)



Food and beverage tents and bull riding were available close to the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse. Full of Puma Pride, Eric Kramer even wore a gorilla suit. (Photos courtesy of Rev. Tim McFarland)



Sponsored by the SJC Alumni Association and the Art Education Department, the Kids' Art Tent, as well as the food and beverage tents, were part of a designated family area. Children were able to participate in entertainment events such as drawing, painting, and coloring, as well as necklace making (above), T-shirt tie-dying (top right: Rebecca Willis) and face painting (bottom right: Stephanie Sonderman). Activities were available free of charge. Volunteers primarily consisted of SJC art students. (Photos courtesy of Rev. Tim McFarland)



Student Bands Rock Bennett Hall Lounge on Sept. 28

By Elizabeth R. Hall, Staff Writer

On the evening of September 28, the lounge of Bennett Hall was rockin'. Literally. Five musical groups participated in the Battle of the Bands, all of which were local to the SJC campus. Minor Miracle, Fueled By Reason, Naked Lettuce, Two Days 'Til Tomorrow and Fourtitude showcased some of the best talent and creativity in the Rensselaer area.

"Battle of the Bands provides publicity for the bands participating, and also cash prizes for the winners," said junior business administration major and SUB President Missy Kiefer.

Two Days 'Til Tomorrow won the first place prize of \$200. Second place, \$150, was Naked Lettuce. Third place, \$100, was

Fueled By Reason, and both fourth and fifth place, Fourtitude and Minor Miracle, respectively, received \$50.

"Battle of the Bands is also a chance for those individuals participating to receive honest criticism from a peer audience," Kiefer said.

The main music genre for the Battle was hard rock. However, Fueled by Reason played Christian Rock. Several of the performances reflected important people in the lives of the band members. David Spencer's song "The Perfect Girl" was based on his girlfriend, Katie Misiak, and one of Fourtitude's was actually written for a member of the student body, Dawn Perry, without her knowledge.

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"I was honestly, completely shocked when I heard the song because I had no idea he wrote one about me," said Perry, a junior elementary education major. "I've never had a song written about me before, so it was neat."

The performance order was random so as not to influence judging.

"The judges were given the categories of musicianship, creativity, stage presence and audience reaction," Professor of Biology and Environmental Science Robert Brodman said. "The total points from these categories were how the bands were ranked in the end."

Brodman's favorite types of music are hard rock and heavy

metal, so one of his biggest tasks was to overcome the temptation to be biased toward such bands. However, when it came to the challenge of judging their creativity, one of the major contributing factors for Brodman was the fact that almost all of the songs were originals.

Junior criminal justice major Kyle Cosentino was not only a competition judge, but is also a fellow musician, as well as a member of a band himself.

"As a passionate lover of music and a writer/performer, I really found it difficult to judge these bands because they were all from different genres and all had great potential," he said. "As I sat before all these musicians, I really didn't know where to begin

and end in judging them. From the incendiary-like guitar work of Travis Kahle in Two days 'Til Tomorrow, to the creative lyrics of David Spencer and Ryan Farrar of Fourtitude, I was in quite a perplexing position."

"I feel that one of the hardest things in the world is to be a student in college and have a band on the side," he continued. "Being in a band takes so much mental energy that at the end of the day you feel like throwing in the towel, but the rewards are all worth it. It is even harder when you take the time and effort to try to be innovative with your music and write songs that have soul."

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Camping Retreat Enlightening, Relaxing Experience for Participants

By Mike Koscielny, Staff Writer

Taking root back in the early 1970s, camping retreats have served as major highlights of the Campus Ministry program for many years. This year's fall retreat, which took place September 29 through October 1, was no exception.

"I had a great time," freshman business administration major Adam Young said.

Brother Tim Hemm, C.P.P.S., facilitates the camping retreat twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. He believes the retreat's main focus is its low-stress, relaxing environment.

"As far as activities, the big thing is quiet, rest, relaxation, great campfires, opportunities to pray, to check out the stars without light pollution (when weather is fit), good food, fellowship and sharing," Hemm said. "The list goes on and on."

The students in attendance felt that the lack of a definite itinerary made the retreat even more enjoyable.

"The nice thing about this particular retreat was that there were not too many planned activities," Young said. "It was just a nice, relaxing weekend."

Freshman medical technology major Nour Fahim felt the same way. "It was nice because there wasn't a real schedule to worry about."

Campus Ministry rents several cabins at the Tippecanoe River State Park in Winamac, Indiana for sleeping quarters, as well as a commercial kitchen area. Meals are the responsibility of those in attendance, but that wasn't a concern for those who went.

"I knew Brother Tim was cooking and his food is much better than the Cafeteria's," Young said.

If good food wasn't enough motivation for going, the experience was. Everyone in attendance had nothing but good things to say.

"The retreat really gave me a time to catch up to myself,"

Young said. "I could calm down and not worry about anything."

The group consensus after the retreat was similar. All of the students who went felt better upon returning. They agreed that the break from school and campus life was invigorating.

"[Going on the camping retreat] was like a refreshment," Fahim said. "I felt like I was ready to go back to school again."

Carly Butterfield, a freshman art major, also saw the retreat as an opportunity to broaden her scope of friends at SJC.

"It was a chance to meet new people," Butterfield said. "I made a lot of new friends and grew close to a lot of people."

One unique activity students participated in utilized candles. Each person drew a name and someone started with a lit candle. It was this person's responsibility to pass their candle to whoever's name they had drawn. Then, this person lit their own candle and passed that one to the person they



Building communication skills, students create a human knot. (Photo courtesy of Hemm)

had drawn. It was a very powerful activity.

"It made me thankful for all that I have," Butterfield said. "[The retreat overall] made me feel more connected to God."

The second camping retreat will be April 27 through 29, 2007. All students are invited to

participate and enjoy the weekend. And if camping isn't appealing, Campus Ministry offers also Kairos and the busy student retreats for the student body to enjoy.

"If you don't go, you're missing out," Fahim said. "You just go."

Career Development Center Registers 289

By Donna Brody, Career Development Center

The Career Development Center at SJC kicked off a registration campaign during the week of September 11 through the 15. The objective was to register as many students as possible to make them aware of the Center and the services it provides to students at all levels. Students who filled out a registration form and later registered on the College Central Network, a resume and job-posting database service that Saint Joseph's College subscribes to, were entered in a drawing to win an iPod.

In all, 289 students registered during the week with the new Director of Career Development, Donna Brody, and the new Director of the Center for Indiana Partnerships, Dane LaGrange. Junior Margaret Broderick, was chosen as the winner in a random drawing on September 18.

"Congratulations to Maggie and thanks to all the students who took the time to register with Career Development," said Brody.

"I was very pleased to have the opportunity to meet and talk



Raffle winner Margaret Broderick accepts iPod from Donna Brody. (Photo courtesy of Brody)

with so many SJC students, particularly seniors," she continued.

"It is my goal to meet with as many seniors as possible, face to face, by the beginning of second semester to make sure they are aware of how our office can help them as they prepare for after-graduation employment or graduate school."

The Career Development Center can assist students with securing internships; help with resume and cover letter writing; arrange mock interviews; schedule appointments with recruiters; assist with graduate school applications; and even help students choose a major. The Center's hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Upcoming "Take Back the Night" Events

By Katherine Stembel, News Editor

Taking back the night for all people, Campus Ministry's Puma Women Today, with the cooperation of the Rensselaer Crisis Center, are sponsoring four days of evening programming to raise awareness of domestic violence, abuse and sexual assault.

The third annual events begin on Monday, October 16 and continue through Thursday, October 19.

Monday's program focuses on awareness, with black armband distribution in the Cafeteria during lunch and dinner in remembrance of those killed by

domestic violence. Tuesday includes a lesson in self-defense in the Hanson Recreation Center and Wednesday consists of a survivor speaker in the Courtney Auditorium, both at 7 p.m. On Thursday, those interested should meet in the Campus Ministry Office at 6:30 p.m. for a candlelight march to the SJC Chapel with a prayer vigil to begin at 7 p.m. in remembrance of those who have been affected by domestic violence.

All are invited to attend, including SJC students, faculty and staff, as well as area community members.

"Puma Women Today would like to let everyone on this campus know that these situations do happen here," said sophomore biology-chemistry major Cheryl Zakowski.

"We want to be vocal about these issues and make everyone aware and informed," she continued.

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Latin Month Creates Dance Fever for SJC Students

By Jennifer Ruff, Staff Writer

On Saturday, September 30, Diversity Coalition held a dance to celebrate Latin Month.

This month's celebrations commemorate the anniversary of independence for five Latin countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala.

The festivities incorporated a mixture of current, popular music with original Latin tunes.

"The dance had kind of a slow start," said freshmen biology-chemistry major Melanie Cooper, "but I'm so glad I came back later because it turned out to be a lot of fun."



Carly Greco (Photo courtesy of Ruff)

By the end of the final song, the dance had gone down as a success for the Diversity Coalition. It provided a fun and lively event for Saint Joseph's College.

Congratulations to Newly Inducted Alpha Lambda Delta Members

By Katherine Stembel, News Editor

Students: Michelle Anderson, Shawn Bishop, Simmie Border, Addison Bowman, Ashlee Catalani, Rachel Danielle Cobean, Jessica Conlin, Laura Courtney, Nicholas John Filloon, Lisa Marie Goldrick, Elizabeth E. Gray, Jennifer J. Guenin, Amanda Jenkins, Travis Kahle, Melyssa Kellow, Jamie Kingsseed, Mallory Kult, Heather Madden, Danielle Marshall, Elizabeth Miskowiec, Julie A. Myers, George Nicholls, Erik Reynolds, Grace Rosanova, Kyle Rush, David Santangelo, Kathleen Seager, Stephanie Sonderman, David Spencer, Crystal Stines, Lauren Stoffel, Ashley VanSlooten, Sarah B. Vaughn, Jeffrey Williams, Rebecca Willis, Cheryl Zakowski, Megan N. Zapfe, R. Christopher Ziger
Honorary Members: Aristides Gamez, Binnie Martin, Patricia Querry, Claudia Sadowski, Cathy Salyers, Jody Taylor-Watkins, Lana Zimmer



Inductee Jessica Conlin (R) accepts certificate from ALD member Lyndsi Monjon (L).

Opinions

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Reply to "Core 5...Why?"

By Dr. Robert Brodman *Core 5 Faculty*

I thought that the recent editorial on Core 5 brought up some good points that are worth a response. I was surprised (but pleased) after reading the title that the opinion was that Core 5 was too easy rather than the other way around. I think that the most pertinent question was "why are our science Cores prepared with middle-schoolers in mind"? I wish that BJ was correct that this course is being taught at too low a level for college Juniors, but our experience tells us that this is not the case. The truth is that students like BJ are too rare at SJC and the general college-going public. BJ has science literacy and is fortunate. Many in college really need to retake 8th grade science. Not only have they forgotten what they learned as kids, but often misconceptions and misinformation have replaced the knowledge of their youth. A study that I was involved with showed that the general science knowledge of SJC freshmen who major in biology and take general biology is no different than the general science knowledge of college graduates (composite of all majors) but both have significantly more general science knowledge than adults in the country without a college education.

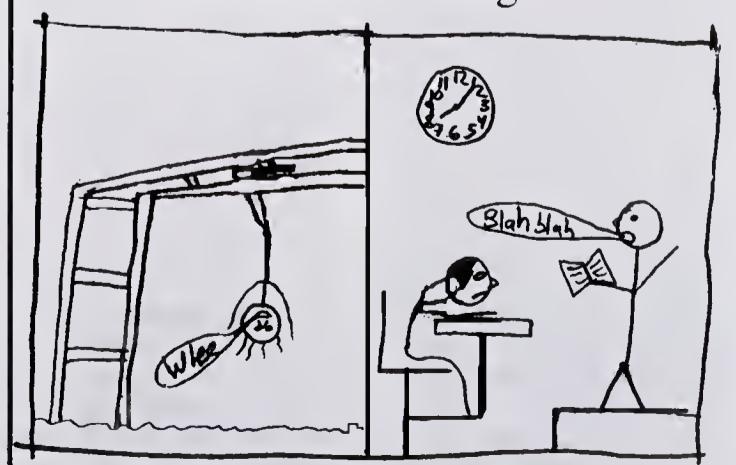
BJ's opinion was based on his observations in Core 5 thus far. He did not include the opinions of his classmates who are far less scientifically literate as he, but he is speaking for them. In the lecture after the editorial was published I asked the Core 5 class if they had taken physics in high school and only about 15% of the junior class said that they had. So obviously it would be callous of me to present college level physics. Instead I reviewed a high school topic that most had never had the chance to learn. Some Core 5 professors are currently dealing with students who have difficulty reading, do not understand the scientific method and draw odd



(Photo courtesy of www.saintjoe.edu)

conclusions from new information. For example in one of my lectures I talk about how science attempts to falsify hypotheses, which means that we (scientists) reject ideas when we can disprove them and we accept ideas when we fail to disprove them and when we find that predictions from the ideas are true. Kind of like the process of elimination of false ideas. However, some Core 5 students thought that this meant that we falsify our results by making up data. It never occurred to me that someone would think of it that way, but now that I know this, I can try to explain it better next time.

Core 5 (and also Core 6) is designed to bring everybody up to speed in the first part of the course. This is called science literacy. However, students who are already scientifically literate like BJ need to stay awake. We've finished the introductory middle-school review and followed that with high school science. Then, after that "boom!", everyone will be ready to move to topics that you have not covered in classes before. Back to the beginning of time and space, through the great theories of science, and the wonders of the universe. Give it another chance and you'll be challenged to think and learn new things. Then in Core 6 we repeat the process. First we slowly get everyone up to speed, and then "boom"! From a humble beginning in trees to what we are today, the journey of human evolution.

Then and Now: Hangover**Letter to the Editor**

By Sean Belt

Let the hungry starve naked in the streets. Is this the new motto of Saint Joseph's College? Our Student Association, known as S.A., is now adopting this new ideology and applying it through their decision-making process of awarding funding to campus clubs, residence halls, and other campus organizations. Last year, the Criminal Justice Club, through the Christian Fund, sponsored Eliud Pineda Hernandez, a young disadvantaged child from Honduras for less than \$150. This year, the club was awarded an unusually low amount of funding. In the appellate process, the club discovered the primary reason behind the decision was the Executive Board of S.A. had a problem with the sponsoring of this child. Let me restate: S.A. does not want you to spend money helping the disadvantaged!

"Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Matthew Ch. 26 vs. 34-37

At a Catholic institution, your elected representatives are preventing the practice of good, old Catholic values such as those found in Matthew. Think of the implications this has! If, as students, we are not encouraged to assist a child in conditions most of us can only imagine, then who can we help? Can we do anything for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in New

Orleans and along the Gulf Coast? Can we do anything for the situation in Darfur that many call the next genocide? It would seem that the S.A. Executive board wants nothing more than for clubs to use their resources making clever t-shirts, holding Halloween parties, and ordering pizza for meetings.

Now, many of you may be thinking, and I'm sure the S.A. Executive Board may tell you, that the funding clubs receive from S.A. should be used here in the St. Joseph's community and not sent overseas. I think many of us would accept this *IF* this were a SJC policy somewhere and not just the personal feelings of a few. If we were to suggest that the funding must stay on campus, then what should Habitat for Humanity do? As one of the most charitable organizations on campus and around the world, should we shut down our chapter simply because they do not provide services on campus?

Last semester the Criminal Justice club donated \$600 toward a new stove, while other clubs, such as the Psychology Club and Social Work Club, donated toward the purchase of necessities when a local Rensselaer family lost nearly all they had. Apparently, since this family is not part of the SJC community, they shouldn't have helped them either. I would love to organize some kind of care package program for those fighting in Iraq...but wait, they are not part of the SJC community so we don't care about them.

We live in a very privileged society where we have the option to care for those less fortunate than us. This is no personal attack on any person involved with S.A., and it is

not a plea from the Criminal Justice club for more funding. Decisions made are decisions made. However, these types of decisions must be prevented in the future. The college's motto is, "Involved for Life," and we are being limited in the type of involvement we can choose to have. This type of decision seems to go against our mission statement, and encourages you to sit back and let the world pass you by. We do not *have* to help anyone anywhere, but we *should* have the choice. Next time someone offers to buy dinner or an extra "hoodie" to keep warm, think of Eliud Pineda Hernandez, who your representatives have decided should not receive the same type of charity. And, being a Catholic college, remember the teachings of Matthew Ch. 26 vs. 42-44.

"Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me."

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An Interview with Dr. Sprey

By Elizabeth R. Hall, Staff Writer

1.) What is your favorite part of History?

The best part of History, teaching it or reading and learning it, is that moment when it clicks, when you start to see the connections between various facts or events. It's like seeing the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle move together to make a complete picture.

2.) What is your favorite country to which you have traveled?

I don't have one, but the ones that I have the fondest memories of are: Jordan for the hospitality and warmth of the people; Thailand and Indonesia because of the incredibly impressive and ancient structures which have been preserved and give you a tremendous sense of the culture and achievements of those who came before us; and France, for the food and the beauty of the landscape out in the countryside.

3.) What do you like most about teaching here at SJC?

I really appreciate having small classes, which allow very interesting and intense discussion on a broad range of topics whether we're in a History class or in a Core discussion. I'm especially energized by the Core Program, because it forces the students to start thinking about the world they are soon going to go out into and what



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they like and don't like about it, and how they are going to contribute back to it, change it, improve it. We're not passive here about students taking ownership of their futures and their world. To me, that is amazing, what Liberal Arts education should be about, and why I wanted to teach here.

4.) What is the extent of your college education?

I got my B.A. from the University of Vermont and my M.A. and Ph.D. in Medieval History from the University of Virginia.

5.) What are some of the things that you do for fun?

I love to cook (and eat!), travel, photography, knitting, and I used to love riding motorcycles. Since buying a house, my new idea of fun or at least mental relaxation is mowing the lawn. It's very Zen; you can let your mind free of everything else and just enjoy making the lawn look good. I may outgrow enjoying mowing eventually, but not yet.

Teresa's Box of Indie Goodies

Teresa Moreno



Wilco played admirably at the October 4 concert despite the notable handicap of being a train. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.petersonland.com/images/wilco.jpg>)

Wilco Suffers Tragedy

There was a time when emotional music was not the whiny tones of bands singing about trivial losses. At one point in musical history, emotional music was about conveying strong emotions via the mixture of sounds and lyrics. Today, emotional music, also known as "emo" music, is used to describe something completely different than was its original intent. Despite the muddled connotations of emotional music, there are, currently, bands such as The Arcade Fire, who have produced emotional music without overstepping any overly dramatic boundaries. On October 4, Wilco, while playing at the Elliott Hall of Music at Purdue University, proved to any unbelieving fan that they can manage to find the perfect ground regardless of the circumstance.

A tragedy in the life of lead singer Jeff Tweedy occurred on September 29 of this year. Jo Ann Tweedy, Tweedy's mother, passed away in the evening at Memorial Hospital in Bellville, Ill. With their first tour date at Purdue fast approaching, Tweedy did not have much time to grieve for his loss. "My mother was very dear to me," Tweedy told the crowd when explaining why he was a little "bit leaky" on stage. With the choice to cancel the tour, Tweedy decided to push onward. While he did not deny that being on stage was hard, and it was not where he wanted to be at the time, he explained his choice to the crowd. "My mother

would have been angry with me [if I did not finish the tour]," Tweedy uttered into the microphone. The crowd remained supportive with applause.

Despite the rough conditions, Tweedy managed to pull off a stellar performance. In many cases it was almost as if nothing tragic had happened. However, in a few songs, the urgency of the situation could be found in his voice. For instance in the song "Theologians" Tweedy's voice rang throughout Elliott Hall as he looked up to the ceiling and sang "I'm going away / Where you will look for me / Where I'm going you cannot come / No one's ever gonna take my life from me / I lay it down a ghost is born." His outward grieving did not taint his music, but rather worked in tandem with what he was singing.

The set-list remained full of their mellower tunes such as "One by One" and "I am Trying to Break Your Heart," but towards the end of the show they brought out upbeat favorites such as "Heavy Metal Drummer" and "I'm the Man Who Loves You." Wilco even treated their fans and played three new songs, one of them a debut, off their upcoming spring release. Wilco is currently on a short tour and will resume recording their new album when it is completed.

As a lover of Wilco, my condolences go out to the Tweedy family, Jeff, Sue, Spencer, and Sam Tweedy during this time.

Random Scorecard:

Toast: 5

Spiders: 7

Brick Buildings: 6

Plumbing Caulk: 9

Total: 6.75/10

Since there's no music to rate this week but plenty of space that still needs to be filled up, here are some scores for random objects many people encounter in life. Like everything else in the features sections, these ratings are absolutely correct.

Jackass Entertains, Hurts

By Gabriele Nichols, Staff Writer

Reviewing *Jackass: Number Two* is difficult, as it really isn't a movie. Instead, it's more like a documentary on the effects of alcohol, stupidity, and sadism combined. The sequel to both the first movie and the television series, *Jackass: Number Two* attempts to continue profiting off the human fascination with watching a train-wreck by one-upping the stunts of the previous movie. The results are extremely mixed.

For those few who have never heard of the infamous *Jackass*, the series catalogues the misadventures of a group of young men who inflict insane punishment upon themselves and their environment. These sketches range from the disgusting, to the brutal, to the occasionally ingenious, and are connected by no story or purpose. An average segment from the previous movie featured such elements as a tightrope, an alligator pit, and raw chicken. Another tested the human reaction to snorting wasabi.

The "actors" of this movie are mostly individuals whose only fame comes from the stunt lifestyle. There are a few exceptions, such as Johnny Knoxville, who has had numerous movie roles since the last movie, and Bam Margera, who has turned his skateboarding and offbeat life into a virtual franchise. Both Margera and Knoxville have a natural charisma that adds some likeability and mischievous energy to the affair. However,



Johnny Knoxville sustained three broken bones from this particular stunt. The bull won an Oscar. (Photo http://us.movies1.yimg.com/movies.yahoo.com/images/hv/photo/movie_pix/paramount_pictures/jackass_number_two/johnny_knoxville/jackass2.jpg)

other participants, such as Steve-O, are simply annoying and unsympathetic.

As mentioned, *Jackass: Number Two* does have issues beyond its questionable premise. The movie tends to emphasize the disgusting and disturbing over the more clever ideas of the first movie. While the first *Jackass* used the reaction of crowds for much of its humor, most of the sequel's stunts are private and secluded, with only the drunken onlookers as witnesses.

The other problem is escalation. Through their attempts to continuously outdo themselves, the *Jackass* cast has reached a level of pain and danger in their stunts that even they find unbearable. It seems like almost every segment is preceded by the victim of the stunt proclaiming "This is going to suck." It's easy to laugh at and enjoy morons facing ludicrous

situations with exuberance. It isn't close to as funny when those morons start showing some commonsense and reservations. Not to mention that certain stunts are impossible to watch for even those with the strongest stomachs. It is worse than anything in the previous movie.

In the end, however, there is much of *Jackass: Number Two* that's entertaining. For every disgusting segment, there are several that provide some laughs. Also, *Jackass: Number Two* does not deceive, providing exactly what it advertises. It's by no means a great or even good movie, but it is entertainment of some kind.

2.5 out of 5

Jackass: Number Two is currently in theaters and is rated R for extremely crude and dangerous stunts throughout, sexual content, nudity, and language.

Dead Until Dark a Good Read

By Elizabeth Bessette, Staff Writer

With Halloween right around the corner and Friday the 13th being tomorrow, I figured I would keep with the theme and tell you, my faithful readers, about a fantastic book for Halloween. Charlaine Harris has written a charming novel called *Dead Until Dark*. This *New York Times* best seller is subtitled *Southern Vampire Mysteries*, which is a wonderfully descriptive and accurate statement.

The story is told in first person by the main character, Sookie Stackhouse. Through her narration, we find that Vampires have announced their presence to the world, and that she herself longs to meet one.

Sookie has no problem with the fact there are now these very different beings in the world around her. You see, Sookie is also very different. She can read minds; an ability which proves to be very frustrating to her love life. So, Sookie meets her vampire, and his name is Bill. The best part about him is that she can't hear his thoughts. She begins a relationship with him, and learns many things about his world that are very interesting. There are vampire bars, and a



Dead Until Dark is just one of many unfortunate offshoots of the *CSI* series. Despite its lack of originality, it still fared much better than *Frankenstein: Special Victims Unit*. (Photo courtesy of [http://www.doctormacro.com/Images/Lugosi.%20Bela/Lugosi.%20Bela%20\(Dracula\)_01.jpg](http://www.doctormacro.com/Images/Lugosi.%20Bela/Lugosi.%20Bela%20(Dracula)_01.jpg))

group of fans that hang around these bars called "Fang-bangers." Guess what they do.

Eventually, strange things start to happen in Sookie's quiet town. A woman turns up dead. The only lead the authorities have is that she has a couple of vampire bites, but that is not what killed her. She was strangled to death. Suddenly, Bill is the prime suspect, and Sookie is well aware that the only way to clear his name is to seek out the real killer. A few clues and a while later, Sookie finds one of her coworkers dead. The police report says the same thing as before. She was

strangled to death but has a few vampire bites. Needless to say, everyone turns against Bill, but are completely baffled because he seems like such a nice vampire. Strange things begin to happen around Sookie's house, and she begins to think that she may be the next victim.

If you're looking for a quick and enticing read, this book is perfect. It grabbed my interest and held it for the day it took to read it. To use a trite phrase, I simply couldn't put it down. With mystery and a bit of the supernatural, how can you go wrong?

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Definitive List of Things to Do on Campus

By Joe Larson, Co-Editor in Chief

Contrary to common belief, there are tons of fun activities available on campus, only some of which are lethal or forbidden by international law. Those hoping to start a genocide club will have to do so somewhere outside of Jasper County. For everyone else, here are a few of the most popular ways to entertain yourself in a college environment in rural Indiana:

1. Start a gang. It's a lot like a clique in high school, except instead of hurting people's feelings, you cap them in the face. So basically it's just like high school.

2. Steal something important from a friend. He probably didn't even need that picture of his girlfriend back home or that heart medication that keeps him alive. He wouldn't have been vulnerable to cardiac arrest in the first place if his heart was cold and black like yours.

3. Hook-up up with someone's ex-girlfriend. Even if she finds out you're the one who took her ex-boyfriend's heart medication, you'll still be okay since girls love jerks and are reluctant to date the dead.

4. Befriend a squirrel. It should be easy since the furry rodents will naturally be attracted to your ankles as long as you fill your shoes with field corn. Try to domesticate one or two of them before they gnaw off your lower torso.

5. Become an entrepreneur. Express your fondness for your newfound animal friends by catching them in a burlap sack. Then open a roadside stand and sell them as an alternative fuel source for two dollars a dozen. Even the most efficient cars will use nine or ten squirrels a mile, but it's a small price to pay to protect our dwindling acorn reserves.

6. Lose your religion. If God wanted you in church Sunday morning, he wouldn't have given you the free time to be a jackass on Saturday night.

7. Undertake a major feat of engineering. Even the ancients could build a pyramid, but only bored college students can create marvels truly worth talking about. "Is there a reason my Ford Explorer is in the Noll tree?" is a good place to start.

8. Help a friend in need. You'll feel good about yourself after getting a bottle of water for the guy who got crushed by a falling Ford Explorer. Never walk under trees in a strong breeze.

9. Be truthful for a day. Nothing is more satisfying than destroying someone's dreams by being honest. Tell an art major that her work impresses your creative sensitivities, but so does the fecal matter you just put in the microwave. Prove your point by using your superheated turd to win an art contest.

10. Nominate a new college mascot. The beloved SJC puma could be replaced by a mascot more representative of rural Indiana, like a puma on crystal meth. The only way to improve



Drug use caused the SJC puma to have an unnatural purple coat and decreased grammatical accuracy. There is clearly only one puma in this picture, even though an embarrassing typo would have you believe otherwise. (Image courtesy of SJC)

upon a deadly predator high on drugs is to give it more drugs and possibly a shotgun.

11. Go cow tipping, then visit the emergency room. Cow tipping isn't actually possible since cows sleep lying down. Bulls, however, hardly sleep at all. Neither do pumas on crystal meth.

12. Become a man of science. Even under laboratory conditions, the mythical cow tip would be possible only if you had a really inattentive cow and a wrecking ball. You should be able to cover the rental fee for both with a Pell Grant.

13. Learn to spit acid. This is one of those tricks that can only be acquired through trial and error. After a few days of practice, you'll either be dead or well on your way to being dead. It'll all be worth it, though, when your next witty comeback to a "your mom" joke is a large loogie that permanently blinds someone nearby.

14. Adopt a second minor. If all the acid spitting classes are already full, choose amateur ecology. The environment might not be any better off after you introduce dolphins to Lake Banet, but it will be after you kill them all with rocket-propelled grenades. Nature thrives on dolphin chunks, which would also be a great name for a cereal.

15. Become a better test-taker. Improving your study skills might help, but so would earning a master's degree in tribal witchcraft. There are few answers in life that can't be found by reading star constellations or sacred poultry entrails. The next time you have a calculus exam, leave the calculator at home and bring a dismembered chicken. Also, start off your morning with a bowl of dolphin chunks, the brainiest of all animal-part breakfast foods. Chihuahua nuggets are a distant second by comparison.

16. Change your social status. Lots of people consider themselves jocks or nerds, so originality demands you go for the title of enemy combatant. Everyone's been raving about those new secret prisons, but who ever goes there? You will after

you steal someone's lawn ornament in the name of Allah.

17. Raise livestock. Dorm hallways are filled with refuse perfect for grazing. If you only learn one thing in college, it should be how to butcher a hog in a bathroom sink. If you learn a second thing, it should be how to repair a drain clogged with ham.

18. Become a father. College is half fertility treatment, half orgy game – a combination known to health professionals as ejaculation roulette. Nobody ever wins, but some chambers are fuller than others.

19. Preserve our history. Bury a time capsule filled with pudding snacks and your bastard children. Dig it up eighteen years later to find that the parenting process has pretty much taken care of itself. Make sure your time-capsule children refer to you by the formal moniker "Shunner of the Almighty Condom."

20. Heal the blind. You probably won't be able to undo the damage caused by your acid spit, but you can at least draw pupils on the eyelids of the blind before you push them down the stairs.

21. Become a conversation starter. If you don't have anything to talk about with that girl standing next to you in line, bite her in the arm really hard. Then you two can have a long discussion about the various ways AIDS is transmitted.

22. Assess your talents. Half of all people doubt their own abilities. The other half is always wrong.

23. Secure your own source of seafood. There are very few ways to provide for yourself that aren't attractive to women. Raising carp in your toilet is one of them.

24. Attend a better school. Harvard is currently furthering the hopes and dreams of students from across the country. Yours aren't among them because Harvard doesn't offer a major in farming toilet carp.

25. Keep a secret. Nobody has to know you made love to a cardboard box vaguely resembling Jessica Alba, but they'll probably find out anyway after they see the pictures in *Time* magazine. There's never been

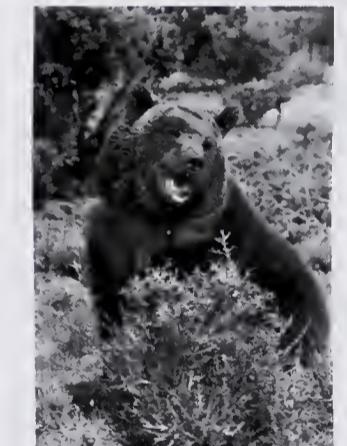
much tolerance for man-box relationships, especially when you consecrate your union while attending a presidential inauguration.

26. Be an optimist. Just because your term paper is six days late and somewhat on fire doesn't mean the professor won't accept it. Just because your genitals feel like they've been mauled by an unreceptive cardboard box doesn't mean you have an STD. Just because you emptied your bank account buying drugs doesn't mean you're an addict, but it is heavily implied by the fact that you purchased your wares from a purple predatory cat.

27. Judge people. If someone cuts in front of you in line, it's because they hate Jews. You might not be Jewish, but if you were, they still would've cut in front of you. The skinheads with hair are the easiest ones to recognize.

28. Become a financial planner. Encourage your friends to invest heavily in emerging fields, like satellite radio and the slave trade. If a basic understanding of economics has taught society anything, it's that human beings like being bought and sold like cattle, and they like listening to commercial-free radio while it happens.

29. Create a cartoon series. It should star a man with a gun and a bear with autism. If done properly, the show can serve as the perfect animated infomercial for retarded bear sausage. When supplemented with dolphin chunks, it'll make for a balanced breakfast.



Retarded bears need love, too, preferably from a source other than a bush. Such mating habits have caused the mentally handicap bear population to undergo an unexpected surge in embarrassing thorn wounds. (<http://www.grizzlybearhunts.com/images/grizzly.jpg>)

30. Read the *Observer*. It's full of words, few of which have any relevance to your daily life. If you don't pick up the school paper for its hard-hitting news, then peruse its contents in search of the twenty-dollar bill I've hidden somewhere within its pages. There isn't really a twenty-dollar bill, but to be fair, there isn't any hard-hitting news either.

Until you complete everything on this list, you can't say there's nothing to do on campus. After that, however, you're free to complain to your heart's content from the comfort of your secret prison cell somewhere in Eastern Europe.

MythBusters Spreads Truth, Fire

By Roger "Jelly" Spitler,
Staff Writer



MythBusters is a lot like *Jackass*, only with less pain and more science. (Photo courtesy of http://content.answers.com/main/content/wp/en/3/3b/Mythbusters_explode.jpg)

Can a penny dropped from a tall building really kill you? Is it possible to escape from prison using a jar of salsa to break the bars? Does a rolling stone really gather no moss? These are just a few of the myths that Discovery Channel's *MythBusters* tries to answer.

Each week, hosts Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage decide on different myths to try to "bust." A team of builders, experts, and specialist in various fields assist the hosts in construction and ideas. Together, this group of men and women think up the craziest, safest way to conduct their experiments. Stunts such as slamming cars into each other, filling a tank full of water and making a whirlpool, or blowing anything and everything up is not uncommon.

Throughout the program the myths are weaved in and out of one another, usually separated by commercial breaks. The first myth will be laid out and then the planning and construction of the experiment to prove it wrong or right begins. The second myth will then be introduced similarly, followed by the third or even fourth. All the myths come with background stories on why they are myths or why they are interesting, then how the team decides to set it up, though there are usually problems involving the construction such as non-braking cars or broken hoses. All of this takes about forty minutes of the program, leaving the final twenty for the setting off of these experiments. They are launched one by one until the show ends, the most exciting of them being set up and set off last.

This approach keeps the viewer interested in the show, as not all the myths appeal to everyone. Some deal more with urban legends while others focus on explosions and crashes. There is always something for everyone to watch and enjoy, leading to the show's popularity.

MythBusters is on Wednesday nights at nine, but reruns are on frequently, as it is one of Discovery Channel's most popular shows. Constant explosions, puke, and an amazing episode where alcohol is used as mouthwash lead to a four out of five jelly rating.

Football Team Vanquishes Crusaders, Win Fifth Consecutive Homecoming Game

By Andrew Costello,
Sports Editor

When I woke up on Saturday morning, I will admit one of the first things that popped into my mind was the Beer and Brat tent right outside the Alumni Field. For the past two years I had to wait and look as many of my friends, upperclassmen and alumni, mingled with each other and had a jolly good time. I was pumped. Once I had finished helping out at the Alpha Lambda Delta ceremony, I could go over and feel pretty good.

Fortunately for me, I realized that there was a football game going on and that Valparaiso was in town. Thank God, I got my priorities straight, and saved the

Beer and Brat Tent for later. I am very glad I did.

The Saint Joseph's College football team seems to be clicking at the right time, as they continue on their trek towards a successful 2006 campaign. The Pumas continued a



Quarterback Anthony Lindsey (11) fires the ball en route to a touchdown. (Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.)

streak of five straight wins on Homecoming by trouncing the Valparaiso Crusaders, 43-14. Even though the Pumas handled the Crusaders easily, many critics felt that the Pumas were still underdogs. Several national websites following Division II college football match-ups for this past weekend had the Crusaders defeating the Pumas by more than ten points. Once again, the Football team showed resolve and proved their worth on the gridiron. And they did so emphatically.

Offensively and defensively the Pumas entertained a full house (and tent) at Homecoming with one of their best performances. The Pumas racked up 401 yards of total offense, a rather lofty total as of late, and held the Crusaders, a member of the Division I-AA Pioneer Football League, to just two touchdowns. History has shown that Homecoming has been a favorable weekend for the Pumas, who have won five straight contests. Last year, the Pumas rallied in the second half outscoring the Miners of Missouri-Rolla 14-3 in the

second half to win 28-23. Junior QB Anthony Lindsey threw for 294 yards on 25 for 33 passing, while Junior WR Dan Paulsen caught nine balls for 121 yards. Redshirt Junior running back Greg Ford had another explosive day on the ground, rushing for 94 yards and earning 35 yards in the air.

The defense continued to stifle, confuse, and scare their opponents, as juniors Fred Blanton and Lance Burns each caught interceptions. Senior free safety Corrie Gregory also proved his status for All-GLFC team consideration, blocking a 27 yard punt return that sealed the deal. Rob Perricone also made

some noise on the defense, earning 14 tackles collectively.

"We had a good team game on defense," says junior cornerback Deqwan Young. "We had a lot of penalties, but we settled down and played the way we should."

Senior strong safety

Cory Sanders knows that the season is far from over. "We played an all right game but there are definitely some things we will need to improve on this week in practice," says the defensive specialist.

Not only did the Pumas put up their highest season point total (43), but they also established several Pumas broke school records and cemented their legacies in Puma Football history. Junior QB Anthony Lindsey continued what has been a prolific season by establishing new SJC records for passing completions (593) and passing



Running Back Greg Ford (28) rushes to excellence. (Photo by Tim McFarland)



Seniors Corrie Gregory (7), LaVarr Brown (42), and Charlie Scott (81) celebrate with the crowd after the Pumas 43-14 victory over Valparaiso. (Photo by Tim McFarland). All football statistics courtesy of Clark Teuscher.

yards (6,913). Lindsey surpassed SJC legend Mike Houston '81, who had 576 completions and 6,815 yards. Although the accolades seem to keep piling up for Lindsey this season, he still has kept a humble demeanor.

"[Setting the new records] was a great accomplishment. I am glad I had the opportunity to play and be surrounded by my teammates and coaches," says Lindsey. Lindsey and his teammates have also not lost sight of achieving the goal: a Great Lakes Football Conference championship. "We've got a big conference game next week, so we need to play hard for the rest of our schedule. [A conference championship] is definitely a possibility."

It was also a career day for Dan Paulsen, as he set the SJC record for receptions (134), eclipsing the old mark of 132 by Rodney Lewis '89. At present, there are only two receiving categories where Paulsen is not the all-time career leader in, the two being receptions per game (4.63) and yards per catch (16.62), quite the impressive feat.

The Pumas opened up Great Lakes Football Conference play with a 38-24 triumph over Missouri-Rolla on September 30th. The offense was also stellar, earning 478 yards total. Perhaps the most notable achievement of the day came from Greg Ford, who punished

Mike LaFata, Fred Blanton, Ethan Tyler, and Deqwan Young.

Now 4-2, the Pumas look to rely on their balanced offense and stringent defense to run through the rest of their schedule. One of the reasons for the continued success of the Pumas this year has been their offense, particularly at the wide receiving core.

"I think we have a lot of leadership and depth on this team," says junior WR Austin Capi. "It doesn't have to be the same person every game, but someone always steps up to make a big play."

The offensive line has also seen its hard work pay off, allowing the offense to produce



ABOVE: Linebackers Lee Shaver (68) and Marcus Wagner (71) have been part of an impressive offensive line this season. BELOW: Freshman tight end Terrance Freeman (34) gets some tough yardage against some pesky Crusaders. Freeman is a transfer from Indiana University. (Both photos courtesy of Tim McFarland).



the Rolla defense, rushing for 155 yards, his highest total this season. Lindsey threw for 297 yards, while senior WR Lonnie Hurst earned 105 yards on 5 receptions. The defense played spectacularly, catching four interceptions courtesy of last week's Puma athlete of the week

as much as they have. Redshirt junior and Division II All-Independent Football Team Preseason selection Marcus Wagner understands the task at hand. "We definitely have been able to open up the running game. We've made some big holes for our backs to run through." The pass protection duties of the

offensive line has also kept the Pumas on track for setting an all-time record in all-purpose yardage. "With our pass protection, we've given Anthony to opportunity to hit his targets."

The offensive line is under the direction of first year assistant coach Jake Wissing. Perhaps an even more interesting side, Saturday's contest was emotional for Wissing because his brother, John, is the offensive line and tight ends coach for Valparaiso. The sidelines were flocked with family members and friends who sported shirts that said "Joe-Po: Battle of the Brothers." Even though some might consider this a distraction, Coach (Jake) Wissing was focused on the Pumas' game plan. However, he didn't mind the competitive edge over his brother. "It was a really great atmosphere on Saturday with everyone there supporting the team. It is always a good feeling when you win, but when you get a win against your brother it makes it a little sweeter. It was interesting seeing him on the other sideline and watching his team play. It was also great looking down in the end zone and seeing about 50 of our family members and friends cheering for us. It was a good win for the program, but now we got to look our next game against Lincoln," says a confident Wissing. The Pumas are on the road the next four weekends, beginning with Lincoln (Mo.) this Saturday at 1PM.



(http://www.nationalchamps.net/Helmet_Project/greatlakes.htm)

2006 FOOTBALL

9/2 St. Francis (IL.)	W 37-0
9/9 Wayne State	W 17-10
9/16 GVSU	L 6-31
9/23 Indianapolis	L 35-22
9/30 UM-Rolla	W 38-24
10/7 Valparaiso	W 43-14
10/14 Lincoln (MO)	I:00PM
10/21 K.Wesleyan	I2:00PM
10/28 Fairmont St.	12:00PM
11/4 Central St.	1:30PM
11/11 Tiffin	12:00PM



Cross Country Teams Do Well at Benedictine Invite

By Chase Sonen, Staff Writer



Junior Matt Leonardo has finished first on the team for most of the season. (Photo by Sports Information).

showing this year as they finished second to last in last years conference meet despite Ashley Moore finishing 32nd and setting a new school record running the 6000 meter course in 22:55. The men's team also finished second to last despite being paced by a 35th place finish by Andy VanDeHey who finished the five mile course in 26:01.

Women's Soccer Team Faces Tough Competition

By Clark Teuscher, Sports Information Director

The final Great Lakes Valley Conference road game of 2006 resulted in a 4-0 loss for the Saint Joseph's College women's soccer team, as they were blanked by Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. SJC is now 2-12 on the season and 2-9 in the GLVC, while the Lady Cougars improved to 10-4-2 and 8-3-2. The Pumas trailed, 1-0, at halftime, but two SIUE goals in the first three minutes of the second half allowed the hosts to gain control of the contest. SJC returns home to host the University of Missouri-Rolla at 7:30 p.m. Friday.



Men's Tennis Team Finishes Fall Tune-up

By Mike Koscielny, Staff Writer

The SJC men's tennis team has been working hard. Long hours and tough practices have unfortunately been met with a disappointing start. At the end of the 45-day fall season, the men are 0-2.

"There isn't any reason to panic," Reggie Sanderson, the second-year coach of the men's team, said. "We have played 2 quality opponents and played them hard to the finish. The main objective in the fall is to prepare for the spring and we are doing a good job of that."

The losses came at the hands of Goshen College and Indiana Institute of Technology. The loss to Goshen College was a close match, the Maple Leafs beating the Pumas 5-4, while the Warriors won with a 7-2 margin.

"You win more from a loss than you do a win anyway," Sanderson said.

The men, now finished with the 45-day fall season, is prohibited by the NCAA from conducting any additional practices. With one of the team goals to get back into the Grand Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) tournament in the spring, this means there is a



Senior John Simon leads a young team. (Photo by Sports Information Office).

responsibility for the individual athletes on the team to improve their game on their own time.

"We will be doing some 'individual' workouts with players to improve their skills and conditioning," Sanderson said. "We also count on the players to go out after class and work-out on their own."

According to Sanderson, another important goal is to develop the young talent on the team for future years. There are two red-shirt freshmen on the team, physical education major Kris McNeary and criminal justice major Brandon Ward. The freshmen have a lot of leadership on the team as well.

"Our team captain, senior John Simon, is tremendous. John leads the team on the court by playing number one singles and off the court by acting as a leader to the young players," Sanderson said. "Having John out there is like having an additional coach."

The men do not play again until February. But when they do, be sure to go out and give them the support they deserve.



TOP: Senior Jenna Mullins charges down field. BOTTOM: Sophomore Ashley Vanslooten outsmarts a defender. (Photo by Sports Information).

Women's Tennis Team Off to Phenomenal Start

By Jennifer Hensley, Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College women's tennis team has started the year out with a bang! With a 3-0 season, it seems our women are on fire and cannot be stopped. The lady Puma's started out their 2006-07 campaign with a victory at Match Point Tennis Club against Calumet College, where the final score was 7-2 in favor of the Pumas. In doubles, Freshmen Anisha Gohil and her partner Junior Melissa Kiefer prevailed at number one, followed by Sophomore Jessica Conlin and partner Freshmen Jordan Orner at number two, while Senior Heidi Friermood and Junior Holly Berner wrapped it up at number three. In singles, the women won four single matches, which secured their spot at number 1, with freshman Gohil leading the way.

At the Puma Invitational, the women did it once more with a pair of shutout wins to claim the championship and improve their record to an amazing 3-0! Their opponents were the Robert Morris College, 9-0, and Calumet College of Saint Joseph, 9-0, which we played on our home courts. Moreover, leading in doubles was Freshmen Anisha Gohil and Junior Melissa Kiefer who went 2-0 on that day. Along side them, double team of Freshmen Jordan Orner and Sophomore Jessica Conlin took the number two spot. Coming in number three, Junior Jenna Ketch and Erica Bengel against Robert Morris, while Senior Heidi Friermood and Junior Holly Berner took the number three match against Calumet. In single matches, Gohil took the number one spot with a 2-0 with Orner at number two and Conlin at number four. Against Robert Morris, Portney took number three and five against Calumet.



Junior Holly Berner returns a serve. (Photo by Sports Information Department).

Now coming away from the game itself, and now its time to find out about the girls who are working hard at that amazing winning season. When asked,

four of the girls all agreed that Valpo was their hardest match. "My toughest match" Jordan Orner said, "would prolly be against Valpo because the girl was a backboard and she got everything back we hit so man balls." Anisha Gohil said, "My toughest single match was against Valparaiso. I knew they were a good team since their top four players sat out against us. This match was my longest; my opponent hit hard, and had good strokes. However, I pulled out a 6-2, 6-2 win! My toughest doubles match was also against Valpo. Missy Kiefer and I trailed 0-3, but came back and won the prest 9-7." For the future of the team, Heidi Friermood said, "I think this ill be an awesome year for us. We have some strong freshmen who have stepped in and are doing a great job playing in the top spots, as well as most of last season's top players. We're off to a 3-0 start and hopefully we can continue that during our conference play in the spring!" Good luck ladies! Keep up that winning spirit from all of us on the campus!!

Men's Soccer Completes Final Road Trip

By Clark Teuscher, Sports Information Director

The Saint Joseph's College men's soccer team wrapped up the final road trip of the 2006 season on Sunday, losing in a 7-0 rout at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. The Pumas (1-11-3, 0-9-2 Great Lakes Valley Conference) allowed the first goal of the day just 3:17 into the contest, then saw four more goals enter the net before halftime. SIUE (9-3-3, 9-2-1 GLVC) tallied two more goals in the second half, allowing the Pumas just one shot on goal the entire game. With five saves, SJC goalkeeper Dan Ford (Sr., South Bend, IN/Mishawaka Marian) did become the school's all-time leader in career saves with 410. The Pumas host the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners on Friday at 5 p.m.



Senior Goalkeeper Dan Ford goes for the save. Ford's 410 career saves is an SJC record. (Photo by Sports Information).



Nick @ Nite: Old TV, New Take

Popular Dissent with Danny Waclaw

It's embarrassing, isn't it? You're putting around with your TV remote and all of a sudden, BAM! Roseanne Barr (or Arnold—who can keep track?) is yelling at one of her children for playing hooky instead of helping her clean the house. And then Will Smith starts rapping his infamous theme song, clad in neon fabrics so bright as to cause temporary blindness, even if you're rapping along with him.

Yes, we—the twenty-something set—have become old. We are no longer the youth of America—we are members of the working class now.

It's funny to look on these old shows, though. So much of our lives are now filled with *OC*-inspired faux-soap-operas and reality-based everything that we sometimes forget about the shtick-laden classics of our pasts. Who can honestly say that there is a show today that equals the uniqueness of *Murphy Brown* or the perfect comic timing of *The Cosby Show*?

But the idea of the sitcom has become, more or less, eclipsed by the cynical and instant-gratification-driven society of today. There was a time when we would ask ourselves, "What's

would D.J. Tanner do?" Now, we ask ourselves, "Who would Gabrielle Solis pin this on?"

This is not to say that there are no negatives to associate with these classics. Take, for instance, the omnipresent relationship woes in *A Different*

face it, we're all crazy; we just don't want to fess up to it.

So maybe we're getting a little too old to be singing along with the Fresh Prince, and maybe Danny Tanner has become more a bad joke than a good parent. But the thing is this: that, for



Jim, Corky, Murphy, Kay, and Frank all shake hands on the set of 1990s classic sitcom *Murphy Brown*.

(Courtesy of <http://members.aol.com/NRB409/murphpic.html>)

World or the eccentric ramblings from every character in *Mad About You*. Yes, even early 1990s television was not safe from the postmodern depression that has taken its toll upon our culture. These things, however, are probably what make these shows most endearing. Let's

whatever crazy reason, we still thrive on these shows. We quote them, we watch the reruns even if we've seen every episode twice. And maybe, just maybe, if we keep watching them (we tell ourselves), we'll get something out of them.

Maybe.

On the Town

Discussion with Amy Tan

- What? Novelist Amy Tan will discuss life, writing, and more at Purdue.
- When? 8 P.M. on Thursday, October 19, 2006.
- Where? Elliott Hall of Music at Purdue in West Lafayette.
- Free tickets are available at West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County libraries and at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Lucy Kaplansky Live

- Who? Chicago-raised Kaplansky sings covers and original songs.
- When? 7 PM EST on October, 22, 2006. (Doors open at 6:30 PM.)
- Where? Duncan Hall at 619 Ferry Street in Lafayette, Indiana.
- Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance. Visit friends-of-bob.org.

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Over heard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to dwj5079@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

Did you see the word *boob* written on the sidewalk in fake snow?

They couldn't even make it plural!

These shoes cost three hundred dollars.

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Pull hard. Pull hard. Pull hard! Oh, it's...burnt out.

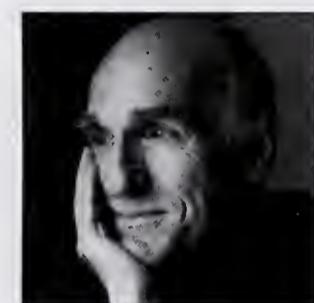
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Am I on there? I'll write you up.

My hands are bananas.

Nota Bene

"I love things made out of animals. It's just so funny to think of someone saying, 'I need a letter opener. I guess I'll have to kill a deer.'" ~David Sedaris~



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Karma and the Cosmos

Divined by our own Auntie Cleo

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Stop living in such a fantasy world and wake up from this dream you are in. You are now a big kid with responsibilities. Mommy and Daddy cannot make your bed for you everyday; it is time to start making it yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

If you want it, then chances are you will get it—especially that hot Puma you have been eyeing. Get some guts and actually talk to the person. He or she will be dazzled by your captivating personality.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)

Stop overbooking yourself. How many activities are you involved in? If you continue to nominate yourself on committees, you are going to end up in an insane asylum. Use your Puma Guide to block off some major you-time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)

It is time to put your big heart to good use. The people around you need your help, so give them your expertise. The rewards will be well worth your time; remember, giving is also receiving.

Pisces (Feb. 18-March 20)

It is time to get out of bed and actually go to class. No one wants to hang out with a slacker. You will be amazed at how different life can be when you actually do what is expected of you.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Someone is the Halloween spirit. Put your energy to good use and throw a costume party, or get a group together and visit a haunted house. Don't forget to watch some classic scary movies!

Taurus (April 20-May 19)

What is with all this black you have been wearing lately? Is someone feeling sorry for himself? It is time to move on and join the rest of the SJC world. You are the only one who has the power to make your life miserable.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)

Are you experiencing some major mood swings? Or is it really because you are arguing with your pal? Remember, it is always better to have your friends on your good side. It is time to move on—it is okay to apologize for a change.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)

Stop being such a worrywart. Life is not as bad as you are seeing it in your mind. Try focusing on the positive rather than the negative. Get out and have some fun without watching your back for a change.



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Sat: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Sun: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10
Mon-Th: 5:10, 7:10

The Marine

Fri: 5:20, 7:20, 9:20 (PG-13)
Sat: 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
Sun: 3:20, 5:20, 7:20
Mon-Th: 5:20, 7:20

The Guardian

Fri: 4:20, 6:50 (PG-13)
Sat: 4:20, 6:50
Sun: 4:20, 6:50
Mon-Th: 4:20, 6:50

Open Season

Fri: 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 (PG)
Sat: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Sun: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
Mon-Th: 5:00, 7:00

Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning

Fri: 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 (R)
Sat: 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
Sun: 3:30, 5:30, 7:30
Mon-Th: 5:30, 7:30

Matinees are before
6:00PM and are \$5.00.
Adults' tickets after
6:00PM are \$7.00.